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SUBJECT: SOARES CHOSEN TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

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1. SOARES CHOSEN: FOLLOWING A MORNING MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT EANES DEC 28, MARIO SOARES ANNOUNCED THAT
HE HAD BEEN DESIGNATED BY EANES TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT.
SOARES NOTED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN APPOINTED PRIME
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MINISTER BUT ASKED TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
PARTIES. IF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FOUR PARTIES WERE
CONCLUDED SATISFACTORILY SOARES SAID HE WOULD FORM A
GOVERNMENT. THE SOCIALIST LEADER SAID HE WOULD SET A TIME
LIMIT ON NEGOTIATIONS. THE PRESIDENT WILL ISSUE A
STATEMENT LATER DEC 28.

2. PSD OBJECTS: THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY REACTED SHARPLY IN A DEC 28 STATEMENT TO SOARES'S DESIGNATION. THE PSD STATED THAT MARIO SOARES DOES NOT POSSESS THE NECESSARY CHARACTERISTICS TO BE CHOSEN PRIME MINISTER, AND THAT THE PSD HAD NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY CONSULTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTELS, SOARES'S DESIGNATION IS NOT AN OFFICIAL NOMINATION, BUT AN EFFORT TO HASTEN THE PARTIES TOWARD AGREEMENT ON A NEW GOVERNMENT. SOARES WILL NOT WANT TO FAIL IN HIS EFFORT TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH SOLID MAJORITY SUPPORT. THE CDS WILL ALSO BE RELUCTANT TO LET SLIP ITS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A REAL VOICE IN GOVERNMENT. EANES'S JAN 5 DEADLINE FOR FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT STILL STANDS.
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